

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 24, 25 and 27-30 are currently pending, wherein claims 3, 24, 29 and 30 are independent. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13-23, 26 and 31-33 have been canceled.

Applicant notes with appreciation the acceptance by the Patent Office of the drawings filed on January 3, 2005.

Applicant further notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 24, 25, 27-30.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response or the application in general, the Examiner is urged to contact the Applicant's attorney, Andrew J. Bateman, by telephone at (202) 625-3547. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below.

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